A story of six seasons,
This is the story of my beginnings in wind ensemble music, from my first year of high school until now.
Wind Ensemble Concert
an unraveled mystery, and
A story of a miraculous meeting.
secrets that lie within one's heart.
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
overflowing with such a flood of inexplicable mysteries...!
youth is always
badump
I wonder why
badump

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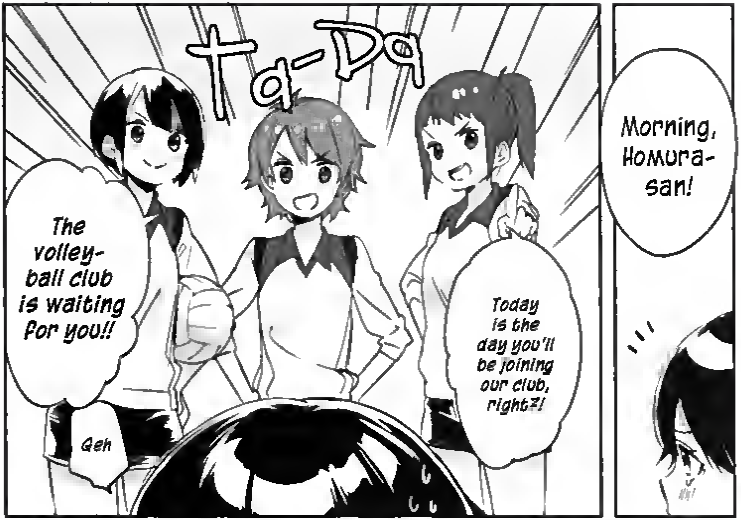
Slowly
SHIMIZUMINAMI HIGH
Morning
Ah...
Achoo ...!


Ta-Da
Morning, Homura-san!
...
The volley-ball club is waiting for you!!
Today is the day you'll be joining our club, right?!
Geh

Ah-
trot
Sorry, but please don't wait.
I've already made up my mind!

T/N - The "libero" is a player specialized in defensive skills.

You should definitely join the volleyball club!
Despite that, so why is it a no-go?
It's a mystery, you know.
STOP
sigh
Did you hurt something?
Did you have a fight with someone?
Or maybe some new interest in another sport?
You're all wrong!
stands

The truth is...
Every day of the year
of course, practicing overtime too
BAP
Sundays and national holidays... It didn't matter if it was Christmas or Valentine's Day
I was always practicing in the volleyball club until I was dead tired
GOOD JOB TODAY~

Chika, go get changed!
Oka~y
POMF
Is spending my youth fine like this?
I'm tired~
Uuu~
THUD
I'm back!
CLACK
by chance, I saw it.
beep
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
SET PIECE NUMBER THREE
WIND ENSEMBLE CONCERT
Or so I wondered when suddenly,
NEXT ON THE NEWS ...
beep
beep

Pose
The National High School Wind Ensemble Concert

Sparkle
Spa
rkle
Enchanted

That's what I thought, so...
I want to become like that girl...!
When I become a high schooler,
MY GRANDMA BOUGHT
Flute!
THIS FOR ME!
From now on, instead of a sporty girl
sparkle
sparkle
I'll become a neat and tidy, innocent, cute girl ...
Ah- AChoo!

I think it'll be tough, but good luck!
Because, the volley-ball club will always be waiting for you
or so she said ...
STEP
STEP
What-ever!
Because, I will defi-nitely be
rebor-
FWOOO
OSH
A
CHOO

SNIFFLE
...Are you all right?

FWOOSH

It seems this year's spring
has a large amount of pollen
That surprised me...
Maybe he's one of our school teachers...?

It's quite troublesome, isn't it?
Th...
Thank you very much...
A wonderful person...
BADU MP

Ah....
That flute case is still brand-new, huh.
Why the flute...
Eh?!
?!
BADUMP
Beautiful...
Are you planning to join the club?
The wind instrument club, that is.
Yes...
but...
Perhaps he's a music teacher...?
...
I'll take you there.
The music room is this way.

I'm Homura Chika, a first year student in Class 2.
Nice to meet you.
I...
So he is after all... Then, he must be the club advisor!
Ah
I'm a music lecturer that started here last year
Mr. Kusakabe
Did you play any wind instruments in Middle school?
Ah, no ...
Is that so?
Beginners are fine too, you know.
As long as they practice in order to be able to play, that is.
That's... that's true.

Innocent mode ON
Ah, the flute is wonderful, isn't it?
It gives off a delicately graceful feeling...
HE HE
It does, doesn't it?
Yes...!
!
oh!

...That's a nice tone.
Beau-tiful hair,
...Who is he?
Neat and simply...
long eye-lashes ...
Innocent...

Ah, sensei,
Good morning!

No way ...
... and
oh?
Chika-chan.
It ... It ...
So it really is you, Haruta?!

Hah!
Not good...! Innocent, innocent... Behave yourself sweetly and cutely, Homura Chika! Because sensei is watching ...!
WOOSH
Kami-jou ... kun ...
It's been a long time... hasn't it...?
?
UU... UFUFU...
Yep.
SMILE
Long time no see.
.....

It's only what I heard, but you were playing volleyball weren't you, Chika-chan?
Oh?
It's been nine years, hasn't it?
I would never have expected to be in the same school as Haruta...

T/N – abbreviated volleyball and ballet sound almost exactly the same in Japanese.

My magnificent, innocent young girl debut tactic is turning into a critical failure almost immediately after it began...
Ever since Chika-chan was little, she's had a great athletic sense and was really energetic.
Probably too much, in fact.
Ballet?
Nope, I mean Volley ball.
Not good...

blackmail me with my snacks...
stick frogs down the back of my shirt,
You used to do things like use pro-wrestling moves on me,
Right, right,
He's totally saying it. I knew it! Haruta, you idiot!
Please, I'm begging you, don't say anything unnecessary!
rumble, rumble
something like that...
rumble
rumble
rumble
ANGER
I mean, you haven't changed at all.
you're definitely the same Chika-chan.
Nah,
Are you sure you don't have the wrong person?
...Kami-jou-kun?
Uuu...

Scribbling on the wall,
sticking seals on the name-plates in the doorway,
clambering up the park's trees and snapping its branches off...
It's because you blamed it all on me, you know.
To my mother !!
From way back, you've always been tattling on me!
You're the one who hasn't changed at all, you know!
SHOUT
!!
AH
chuckle

Ohh, a flute!
This is Homura Chika-san,
A potential new club member, it seems.
I'm the club president, Katagiri.
I play the trumpet and I'm in second year.

T/N – Specifically bass tuba? Not sure if that's a thing, don't know much about wind instruments

Aren't wind ensembles supposed to be more like this?
Saw it on TV
like, something with tons of people?
Wind ensembles, as I understand,
have five people on the flute alone, and...
ALL
It's somehow ...
Now, give it up already and quickly fill out this form.
But club activities like ours also exist just like you see it now.
That would be the ideal composition,
It's somehow...
slightly different to what I imagined ...!
UFU FUFU
SHALL WE PROCEED TO PRACTICE?
THEY'RE SO GRACEFUL...
THE YOUNG LADIES ON THE FLUTE ARE WONDERFUL.
Sparkle
Sparkle
what she imagined
B-but I'M a beginner, so won't I cause trouble for...

Sensei also thinks so, right?
Even beginners are warmly welcomed.
Anyway, we need members so
Indeed.
If Homura-san joins the club, it'll be a huge help to me as well.
smile
I will join.
BAM
scribble scribble scribble

ANNOYED
Chika-chan, simple as always, huh?
chuckle
Full of energy, isn't she?
HAH!
STOPS
Haruta!! You're anno-yi-
BUOOOO
WAAH
NOW I'VE DONE IT
Nn~~ ~~ ...

INHA
LE
BLOWS HARD
buh-
haha
ha-
Exhale

!?
Haru-ta!
BACKS AWAY
Why are you heere ~!?
Everything was ruined because of you, you know! Return my innocent young gir-
... Ah-choo-!
Uwaaa

You really are easy to understand, aren't you?
...
About Kusakabe-sensei,
You like him, don't you?
Ugh...

Sensei was...
Before, he was a conductor whose future people had great expectations for...
A conductor...
During his school years, he took second place in the conductor division of the Tokyo National Music Concert. It seems he went to study abroad, but...
When he returned to Japan, he threw away the entirety of his personal career.
It seems he then disappeared for a few years.
...Why?

...
But, last year, sensei came to this school as a music lecturer.
That's the mystery.
Ding
Dong
.....
Haruta,
You're very well-informed, aren't you?

Chika-chan's home is so nostalgic~
It hasn't really changed, has it?
Are you coming in to meet my mother?
...Nah, next time.
Well then, see ya.
Haruta!
From now on, let's get along!

NOD
That's right, Chika-chan,
if you don't hurry up and learn how to play at least a scale,
you won't be able to attend practice, you know.
I-
I get it already!
Yeah, so work hard.
Oh, and one more thing,
STOP
What is it this time?!

We're love-rivals, you know,
Chika-chan.

See ya!
STEP
STEP
...Eh?

Chika-chan,
about Kusakabe-sensei, you like him, don't you?
Eh...?
Sensei was...
A conductor whose future people had great expectations for.
Eh...?
.....
Haruta... You're well-informed, aren't you?
Ah, sensei,
Eh...?
good morning!

EHHHHH?!

Some-thing like this is im... poss...?
STEP
STEP
This is a joke...
I-
frustrated
Acknow-ledge
a love triangle like this!!!
I will never...
END

Hey. If I said I was in a love triangle with my childhood friend. What would you think?
Not only that, but he's a boy. My love rival for another guy, that is —wait, what? What kind of situation is this? Hey, are you listening?
NOM
NOM
NOM

ハルチカ

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